

**IN THE UNITED STATES AND PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of : Eckart Schönfelder et al.  
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THIS IS A CONTINUATION APPLICATION OF:

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For : STRIPPER FOR SPECIAL STEEL  
Art Unit : 1751  
Examiner : G. E. Webb

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

S I R:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: